
Pluralism, Transnationalism and Culture in Asian Law

Symposium on legal pluralism in honour of M.B. Hooker

27-28 September 2012

SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

Wednesday, 26 September 2012

Arrive at Orchard Hotel

442 Orchard Road, Singapore 238879

Free Evening

Thursday, 27 September 2012

0825 **Speakers at Hotel to assemble in Hotel Lobby**

0835 **Bus Departs Hotel for Symposium Venue**
NUS Faculty of Law, Lee Sheridan Conference Room

0900-0915 **Registration & Coffee**

0915-0940 **Welcome Words**
*Simon Chesterman, Dean and Professor of Law, Faculty of Law,
National University of Singapore*

Opening Remarks
Gary F. Bell, National University of Singapore

SESSSION I

Chairperson: *Gary F. Bell*
National University of Singapore

0940–1025 **Asian Thought and Legal Diversity**
H. Patrick Glenn
McGill University, Montréal, Canada

1025–1110 **Asian Past as Global Future: The Emergence of Legal Pluralism in Global Competition Law**
Michael Dowdle
National University of Singapore

1110–1130 **Coffee Break**
Outside Lee Sheridan Conference Room

SESSSION II

Chairperson: *Andrew Harding*
National University of Singapore

1130-1215 **Comparative Law, Anti-Essentialism and Intersectionality: In Search of an Elusive Balance**
Arif A Jamal
National University of Singapore

1215-1300 **Legal Pluralism and Legal Anthropology: Experiences from Indonesia**
Franz von Benda-Beckmann and
Keebet von Benda-Beckmann
Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany

1300-1430 **Lunch**
Federal Staff Lounge @Portico, level 1

SESSION III

Chairperson: *Veronica Taylor*
Director, School of Regulation, Justice and Diplomacy
Regulatory Institutions Network (RegNet)
ANU College of Asia & the Pacific

1430-1515 **Mapping the Relationship of Competing Legal Traditions in the Era of Transnationalism in Indonesia**
Ratno Lukito
Faculty of Shariah and Law at the State Islamic University Sunan Kalijaga, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

1515-1600 **Indonesia's Weak State Courts and Weak Law Fare Poorly in a Pluralist Commercial World**
Gary F Bell
National University of Singapore

1600-1630 **General Discussion**

- 1630-1700** **Group Photograph**
Outside Eu Tong Sen Building
- 1700** **Bus Departs Faculty of Law for Hotel**
- DINNER**
- 1930** **Meet at Hotel Lobby**
- 1945-2130** **Welcome Dinner for Speakers and Invited Guests**
Tambuah Mas, Tanglin Sopping Centre, 19 Tanglin Road, #04-10/13
(7 mins walk from Hotel. Dress code: smart casual)

Friday, 28 September 2012

- 0825** **Speakers at Hotel to Assemble in Hotel Lobby**
- 0835** **Bus Departs Hotel for Symposium Venue**

SESSION IV

- Chairperson** *Arif Jamal*
National University of Singapore
- 0900-0945** **Taking the Law into Their Own Hands – Qur’anic Art, Pluralism
And *Tawhid* in Indonesian Islam**
Virginia Hooker
Australian National University, Canberra, Australia
- 0945-1030** **Legal Pluralism in Malaysia’s ‘Indigenous Constitution’: The
View from the Longhouse**
Andrew Harding
National University of Singapore
- 1030-1045** **Coffee Break**
Outside Lee Sheridan Conference Room

SESSION V

- Chairperson** *Kevin Tan*
National University of Singapore
- 1045-1130** **Shari’a and Legal Pluralism in Indonesia: What’s the Limit?**
Nadirsyah Hosen
University of Wollongong Australia

- 1130-1215** **Negotiating Legal Pluralism in Court: Fatwa and the Crime of Blasphemy in Indonesia**
Melissa Crouch
Post-Doctoral Fellow, National University of Singapore
- 1215-1345** **Lunch**
Federal Staff Lounge @Portico, level 1
- SESSION VI**
- Chairperson** *Helena Whalen-Bridge*
National University of Singapore
- 1345- 1415** **Islamic Law in Israel: A Case Study in Legal Pluralism**
Aharon Layish
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
Professor Layish sends his apologies.
A summary of his paper will be presented by the chair.
- 1415-1500** **The Road to Democracy Goes Through Religious Pluralism: The Indonesian Case and Thoughts on Post-Mubarak Egypt**
Giora Eliraz
Research Fellow at the Harry S. Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 1500-1545** **General Discussion and Discussion of publication**
Chairperson *Gary F Bell*
National University of Singapore
- 1545-1600** **Remarks by Professor M.B. Hooker**
- 1600-1715** **Cocktail for Speakers and Invited Guests only**
Staff Lounge, level 2, Block B
- 1730** **Bus Departs Faculty of Law for Orchard Hotel**